

Examiner:
Serial No.:
Date:

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Examination Checklist

Questions to ask when examining application:

1. What's the "effective" filing date of the application? Is there also foreign priority date?

10/7/2003

2. What's the problem with prior art? (See "Background of the Invention")

Enforcement of restricted viewing of content had various exploits available client side, such as slowing down the system or modifying the buffer to gain extra viewing time, during a time limited agreement to program content.

3. What's applicant's proposed solution and/or improvement? (See "Summary" and "Detailed" Spec)

A different strategy for tracking current time and time limit, through the use of a system clock and synchronization. Along with, multiple time messages, where if the times do not match up correctly between the messages, playback is disabled.

4. Are claims reflect the proposed solution and/or improvement as disclosed?

The claims appear to cover the proposed solution, but are open to a broader interpretation on the multiple time messages, and clocking scheme.

Check Below:

 x CONTINUATION case? Check "Continuity/Foreign Data" in eDAN or PALM, if yes

See me. We need to check if original Examiner wants to work on it first.



 x Primary assigned CLASSIFICATION correct? If not, we may have to transfer. See your SPE/primary.

Question?

 x RESTRICTION? (i.e., multiple inventions?) If yes, see your SPE/Primary.

Question?

 x Draw claim tree and group claims (use this link: www.pattools.com/claim_tree.html)

 x DOUBLE PATENTING? Do inventor search using PALM or eDAN, see flowchart in ch. 800 of MPEP

 x Preliminary Amendment? If yes, it supersedes original disclosure. NEW MATTER? See SPE/primary.

Question?

 x IDS (information disclosure statement) filed? If yes, review, annotate & remove IDS flag.

 x Document all search activities, including whom consulted.

 x Prior Art found? Not sure about date? See SPE/Primary.